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APPLICANT: Takeshi SEKIGUCHI et al.) Group Art Unit: 173-1
SERIAL NO: 10/021,393)
FILED: October 30, 2001) Examiner: George F. Koch
TITLE:) EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
DEVICE FOR PROVIDING A PRESSURIZED SOLUTION TO AN) AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
APPLYING DEVICE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on March 30, 2004. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Also submitted with this amendment is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Request for two-month Extension with the required fees, to extend the period of reply to May 30, 2004. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. Applicant's remarks are attached hereto and start on page 2.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.